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SUBJECT: CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT TO BULGARIA

1. CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISIDORO MALMIERCA PEOP

VISITED BULGARIA JULY 30-AUGUST 4, MEETING WITH BULGARIAN  
COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND STATE  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS  
CHAIRMAN STANKO TODOROV.

2. AUGUST 5 RABOTNICHESKO DELO (CC OF BCP ORGAN) CARRIED  
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VISIT ANNOUNCEMENT (INTERESTINGLY, NO COMMUNIQUE WAS  
REPORTED.) BULGARIA BLESSED CUBA'S AFRICAN LINE, ACCLAIM-  
ING THE ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY OF CUBA, ITS INCREASED  
INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE, AND ITS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION  
TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND INDEPENDENCE, PARTI-  
CULARLY FOR A NUMBER OF AFRICAN PEOPLES UNDER THE THREAT  
OF IMPERIALISM. THE GOB ALSO SUPPORTED CUBA ON THE

QUESTION OF US WITHDRAW FROM GUANTANAMO AND THE "COMPLETE, IMMEDIATE, AND UNCONDITIONAL DISCONTINUATION" OF THE US ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OF CUBA.

3. FOR ITSPART, CUBA ACCLAIMED BULGARIA'S BALKAN POLICY AND ITS EFFORTS AND INITIATIVES FOR THE CREATION OF A CLIMATE OF TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING, OF GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS, AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BETWEEN THE SEPARATE COUNTRIES.

4. IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT, BOTH MINISTERS EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH A VIETNAM THREATENED BY THE EXPANSIONIST LINE OF THE CHINESE AND GAVE A HIGH EVALUATION TO THE INCREASING DEVELOPMENT OF FRATERNAL BILATERAL TIES BASED ON MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALIST PRINCIPLES.

5. OTHERWISE THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED A CONSULAR CONVENTION AND A VISA-FREE REGIME, AND FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV WAS INVITED TO VISIT CUBA. AND, APPARENTLY AS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE VISIT, THE GOB AND GOC SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON AUGUST 9 CALLING FOR THE BULGARIAN ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION "AGROCOMPLECT" TO SUPPLY ELEVEN COMPLETE PUMPING STATION TO "TRACTORIMPORT-CUBA" BY THE END OF 1979.

6. COMMENT: VISIT ENABLED BOTH COUNTRIES EXPRESS COMMONLY HELD VIEWS IN TRADITIONAL RHETORIC. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESENT STATE OF BALKAN REGIONALISM (WHICH BULGARIA OPPOSES) AND TROUBLED BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAVIAN RELATIONS AT MOMENT BRING INTO QUESTION THE GOB'S "CREATION OF A CLIMATE OF TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING." STILL, VISIT UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASED ALREADY STRONG TIES. ACCORDING ONE LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT, A SURPRISINGLY LARGE NUMBER OF BULGARIANS SPEAK SPANISH, IN LARGE PART BECAUSE OF A SUBSTANTIAL GOB ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO CUBA. WE ALSO NOTE THAT BULGARIA HAD WHEREWITHAL TO ENTERTAIN TWO FRIENDLY FOREIGN MINISTERS SIMULTANEOUSLY (SEE SEPTTEL ON VIETNAM VISIT), THOUGH VIETNAM RECEIVED LION'S SHARE OF PRESS TREATMENT.  
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